

# We Are Very Thankful

(Blessing before Meals)

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**INTRO** (♩ = ca. 66)

C6 C6/B F6/A C6 Am7 G7/B C

Keyboard

**VERSES**

C6 C6/B F6/A C6 Am7 G7/B C

Cantor All

Autumn 1. For leaves that crunch beneath our feet,  
 Winter/Advent 2. For chill - y winds and hum,  
 Christmas 3. For Christ, the Child, the new-born King,  
 Spring/Lent 4. As ti - ny seeds be - come new life, we are ver - y thank-ful.  
 Easter 5. For Christ who rose up from the dead,  
 Summer/Pentecost 6. For sum - mer sun and sky of blue,

C6 C6/B F6/A Am7 G7/B C

Cantor All

1. For ap - ples, pears and gold - en wheat,  
 2. For hearts pre - pared when Christ will come,  
 3. As shep - herds watch and an - gels sing, we are ver - y thank - ful.  
 4. And as we learn to fol - low Christ,  
 5. And for his gift of life - giving bread,  
 6. And as the Spir - it makes us new,

REFRAIN

F Dm7 C6 F C/G G7

O God, be pres - ent at this meal. Bless the farm - er in the field.  
 \*O God, pre - pare our hearts to - day. Take our sin and pain a - way.

C G/B Am7 C/G F6 Dm G7 C

Bless the poor with love and care, and let this gath - 'ring be a prayer.  
 Bless the poor with love and care, and let our lives be - come a prayer.

F Dm Am7 G9/B

Bless us! \_\_\_\_\_ Friends and fam - ily.  
 Bless - ings! \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ings on our \_\_\_\_\_ meal.  
 Bless us \_\_\_\_\_ at this ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ meal.

1 C 2 C *Fine*

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\*Alternative Refrain is for use at the Preparation of the Gifts during Mass.

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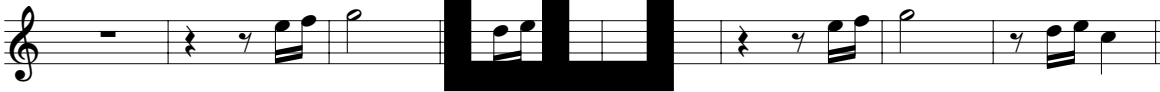
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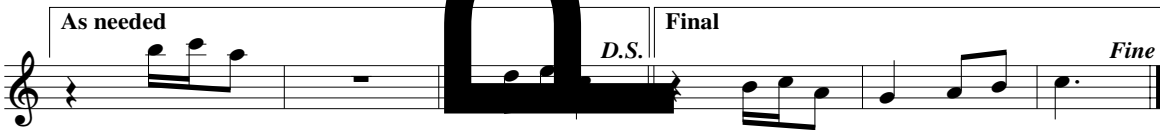
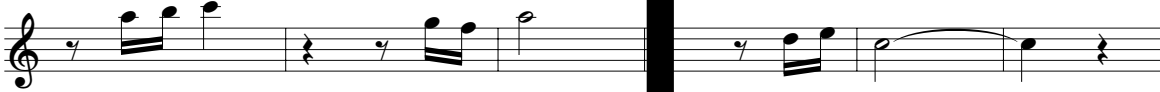
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VERSE



REFRAIN



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## Composer Notes

### We Are Very Thankful

Here is a table blessing for use throughout the year. It combines the four seasons and the liturgical year. Use the first verse and refrain to sing a blessing for a Thanksgiving Day meal. The melody is pentatonic and easy to sing without accompaniment. This song has an alternative refrain that allows it to be sung at Mass during the preparation of the table and the presentation of the gifts. It is suggested that children be allowed to give reasons for being thankful before the eucharistic prayer (DMC 22). This song provides a form for the children to sing their thanks.

# Assembly Edition

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**All**      **Cantor**

1-6. we are ver - y thank - ful.      we are ver - y thank - ful.

1. gold - en wheat,  
 2. Christ will come,  
 3. an - gels sing,  
 4. fol - low Christ,  
 5. liv - ing bread,  
 6. makes us new,

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## WE ARE VERY THANKFUL (Continued)

**Refrain**

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 in the field. Bless the poor with love and care and let this gath - ring  
 be a prayer. Bless us! — Friend and fam - i - ly.  
 Blessings! — Blessings on our meal.  
 God, pre - pare our day and pain a - way.  
 Bless the poor with love and care and let our lives be -  
 come a prayer. Bless us — at this ho - ly meal.

1 to Verses (Fine)  
 2 to Verses (Fine)

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